

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Embodiments of the invention relate to methods and systems ~~(100)~~ for providing customized “haptic messaging” to use of handheld communication devices in a variety of applications. In one embodiment, a method of providing virtual touch to a handheld communication device includes: receiving an input signal associated with a virtual touch; outputting a request relating to a contact with a user-interface member coupled to a handheld communication device; and providing a control signal associated with the contact to an actuator coupled to the handheld communication device, the control signal being configured to cause the actuator to output a haptic effect associated with the virtual touch.